REMARKS

The present invention provides a method of accessing services and features of a mobile communication device. According to one embodiment, a microprocessor maintains a list of all active events and dynamically updates events in the list as new events occur. The microprocessor associates each event in the list with a menu item in a hierarchical menu, and stores the event list in memory of the mobile communication device. The event list serves as a customized menu for quickly accessing the services or features of the mobile communication device. Each event in the event list points to the memory location of a menu item corresponding to the event. Selecting the event from the event list invokes the associated menu item in the hierarchical menu, and thus, invokes the action or function associated with that menu item. Thus, the event list functions as a dynamically changing short-cut menu where menu items are added and subtracted responsive to various events and user actions.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the patent to Salmimaa. Applicant respectfully disagrees, and thus, has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3, which are now cancelled. According to amended claim 1, the present invention dynamically updates the event list responsive to designated events by adding events to and deleting events from the list.

Salmimaa discloses arranging a plurality of icons on a desktop display, but does not modify the contents of the display responsive to designated events by adding icons to and deleting icons from the desktop. Rather, Salmimaa simply scales the size of the icons already displayed on the desktop based on a periodic comparison of one or more characteristics of the icons to predetermined user preferences and/or context values (e.g., a preferred caller, a time of day, or a current location of the mobile user). Particularly, Salmimaa either enlarges or reduces the display size of the icons to indicate their importance to the user. Salmimaa does not disclose dynamically updating the desktop display responsive to designated events by adding icons to

and deleting icons from the desktop, and in fact, does not need to. This is because the fundamental reason for the Salmimaa method is so that a user does not have to delete existing icons and their associated functionality. *Salmimaa*, col. 1, ll. 58-65.

Because the patent to Salmimaa does not disclose every element of amended claim 1, it cannot anticipate claim 1 or any of its dependent claims under §102.

The Examiner also rejected claims 10-12, 19-21, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Salmimaa for the same reasons as those cited for claim 1. However, Applicant has also amended claims 10, 19, and 28 to contain substantially the same amended language as that of claim 1. Therefore, for reasons similar to those stated above, Salmimaa does not anticipate any of amended claims 10, 19, and 28 or any of their remaining dependent claims under §102.

Finally, Applicant adds new claims 29-30 without adding new matter for consideration by the Examiner. Claim 29 calls out that a first event is added to the event list if the event list does not already include another event of the same event type. Claim 30 calls out that the first event remains on the list until there are no remaining menu items associated with the first event. For example, if a user receives a plurality of SMS messages, only one event will be added to the list that indicates all the SMS messages. This saves space and memory resources. The first event remains on the list until the user addresses the last SMS message. None of the art cited by the Examiner discloses this "one-to-many" relationship. Therefore, new claims 29 and 30 are patentable over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments as remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 1-30.

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